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Ms. Polly Trottenberg - Under Secretary for Policy  
Mr. John D. Porcari - Deputy Secretary of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington DC 20590

RE: FY 2013 TIGER Discretionary Grants  
Tulalip Tribes I-5 / 116th NE Interchange Improvement Project Final Phase

Dear Ms. Trottenberg and Mr. Porcari:

On behalf of the City of Marysville, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Tulalip Tribes I-5 / 116th NE Interchange Improvement Project Final Phase Project TIGER Discretionary Grant application. As the Tulalip Tribes closest Snohomish County neighbor, the City of Marysville greatly benefits from the Tulalip Tribes being awarded the \$14 million from the TIGER Discretionary Grant funding. This interchange serves both of our communities and will empower our collective economic future.

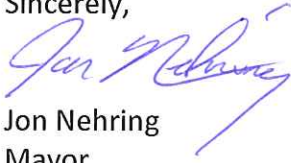
The Tulalip Tribes have demonstrated great leadership by applying for this grant. Since 2002 they have completed NEPA/ SEPA requirements, prepared an Interchange Justification Report, constructed local road improvements, and constructed mitigation for the full project in advance of the interchange to relieve traffic congestion in northern Snohomish County.

This interchange provides access to the Naval Support Complex north of Marysville and growing commercial and residential centers in North Snohomish County. Not only will this project benefit the commercial developments recently constructed and planned for North Snohomish County, but we recognize the improved interchange to be instrumental in our plans to provide economic development opportunities within the city limits and urban growth areas.

This regional project fulfills the goals of the TIGER Grant program. It will provide and preserve jobs while promoting economic recovery. It's a long term investment in needed transportation infrastructure that will assist in reviving the state economy on the international west coast Interstate-5 Highway corridor. Final design and engineering is underway and it will be shovel ready

in September 2013. With this grant funding, the project will put people to work immediately and create direct and indirect jobs in the greater community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Nehring", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon Nehring  
Mayor